

# HERE COMES A QUIZ

ON



## TRAFFIC SAFETY

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1

What's the only excuse for not moving to the right and stopping if an emergency vehicle is seen or heard?

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What is the most common contributing circumstance to motor vehicle crashes in Milwaukee?

3

When entering a freeway from an access ramp, who has the right of way?

4

Does the law say you can't pass another vehicle (A) At an intersection? (B) On a curve?

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An amber traffic signal between red and green is saying: (A) Get a move on! (B) Stop if you can do so safely!

6

Defensive Driving is mostly: (A) Coping with other drivers. (B) Understanding your own behavior.

7

Is it legal to make a U-turn at a traffic signal or where there is no sign prohibiting the turn?

8

Six conditions that affect all driving are 1. Traffic 2. Vehicle condition 3. Road condition 4. Weather 5. Degree of light and 6. \_\_\_\_\_?

9

Which affects your driving most — three bottles of beer, three shots of whiskey or three glasses of wine?

10

The best way to handle a tailgater is to (A) Speed up to get away from the so-and-so? (B) Slow down so you have more time to stop?

11

What bugs drivers of emergency vehicles: (A) Tailgaters? (B) Drivers who slam on their breaks to stop directly in front of them?

12

If you're driving a car, bus or truck in the rain, it's a good idea to (A) Have wipers on? (B) Have headlamps on?

13

True or false: It takes almost a full second to get your foot from the gas pedal to the brake pedal after you decide to slow up or stop.

14

What is a good, safe time gap between cars on the street or high-ways under normal weather conditions?

(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ANSWERS)

# Here are the answers to the traffic safety quiz questions on the other side. . .



1

The only excuse for not pulling to the right and stopping upon the approach of an emergency vehicle is if you're not in a vehicle.

...and if you hear and see warning signals on any emergency vehicles while you're a pedestrian, stay on the sidewalk!

2

On average, Failure to Yield the Right of Way accounts for 26% of the crashes,

...followed by driver inattentiveness 19% and speeding 11%.

3

When entering the freeway from an access ramp, motorists must yield to vehicles on the freeway. . .

...match your speed with freeway traffic speed to merge smoothly.

4

The law prohibits passing on either a curve or at an intersection.

...and, of course you can't pass when signs prohibit passing!

5

Legally, drivers should stop if an amber signal comes on anytime before they reach an intersection. . .

...but don't count on it. If you're waiting for a red light to change, don't put your trust in other drivers to stop on the amber light.

6

A Defensive Driver learns to recognize the problems of other drivers. . .as well as those of himself or herself. . .

...being a courteous driver can go a long way in making you a safer driver and help you avoid being involved in a crash.

7

U-turns are illegal at any intersection where a traffic light or police officer is controlling traffic or in mid-block in a business district, or in mid-block on a through (main) highway in a residential district, except where the highway is divided and the turn is made at a legal opening or crossover; or at any place where signs prohibit such turns.

8

Your own condition as a driver and how you react with other motorists are the most important factors in crash free driving. Courtesy goes a long way.

9

A 4 oz. glass of wine, a 1.25 oz. shot of whiskey or a 12 oz. bottle of beer—they all pack the same alcoholic wallop. . .

...and three drinks will depress your system, impair vision, cut coordination, dull normal caution and make you moody. That makes for very risky driving and a expensive first offense. Total cost is \$2,800.

10

The best way to handle a tailgater is to slow down. The driver is likely to pass. If they don't, any crash they cause won't be as damaging to you. . .

...besides, if you try to outrun a tailgater, you'll be driving on their terms instead of driving for yourself!

11

Drivers of emergency vehicles report that far too many drivers slam to a stop directly ahead of them, instead of first pulling to the right. .

...but strange to say, it's not unusual for some reckless drivers either to outrun them or to tailgate them!

12

Sure, you need windshield wipers in the rain. But whenever it's hard to see things, also turn on your lights. . .

...because, in low visibility, your lights will help other drivers see you better—more insurance against crashes!

13

The average time to shift one's foot from the gas pedal to the brake is three-fourths of a second. . .

...so when you approach risky places, such as cross streets with no stop signs, move your foot from the accelerator to a spot over the brake, just in case!

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A three-second following distance is usually right for cars (more than trucks) and allows time for drivers response to what's going on up ahead. . .

...but the three-second rule is only one rule for good Defensive Driving. For more good ideas, try taking a four hour course from the Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division. Call 935-7990 today!

**(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR QUESTIONS)**